

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of | : | |
| Giuseppe CAPUTO | : | Confirmation No: 5913 |
| Serial No.: 10/568,159 | : | Group Art Unit: 1626 |
| Filed: Feb 13, 2006 | : | Examiner: CHU, Yong Liang |

CYANIN-TYPE COMPOUNDS HAVING AN ALKYNYL LINKER ARM

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

VIA EFS WEB

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to a Final Office Action dated November 10, 2008 please consider the accompanying remarks which are believed to traverse the rejection.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.